

Ronald  
William  
Miksa

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# **Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving**

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*1:00 PM*

*Congregation stands for the processional*

## **PRESERVICE MUSIC**

## **THE PASTORAL GREETING**

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

## **INVOCATION**

- P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
**C** Amen.

## **REMEMBRANCE OF BAPTISM**

- P** In Holy Baptism Ron was clothed with the robe of Christ's righteousness that covered all his sin. St. Paul says: "Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into His death?"
- C** **We were buried therefore with Him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with Him in a death like His, we shall certainly be united with Him in a resurrection like His.**
- P** "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the source of all mercy and the God of all consolation. He comforts us in all our sorrows so that we can comfort others in their sorrows with the consolation we ourselves have received from God."  
(2 Corinthians 1:3-4)
- C** **Thanks be to God.**

# HYMN

## 801 How Great Thou Art



1 O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der Con - sid - er  
2 When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der, I hear the  
3 But when I think that God, His Son not spar - ing, Sent Him to  
4 When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion And take me



all the works Thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the might - y  
birds sing sweet - ly in the trees; When I look down from loft - y moun - tain  
die, I scarce can take it in— That on the cross my bur - den glad - ly  
home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o -



thun - der, Thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played;  
gran - deur And hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
bear - ing He bled and died to take a - way my sin;  
ra - tion And there pro - claim: "My God, how great Thou art!"

*Refrain*



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to Thee, How great Thou



art! How great Thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



Thee, How great Thou art! How great Thou art!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** And also with you.

**P** Let us pray.

O God of grace and mercy, we give thanks for Your loving-kindness shown to Ron and to all Your servants who, having finished their course in faith, now rest from their labors. Grant that we also may be faithful unto death and receive the crown of eternal life; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** Amen.

## THE PSALMODY

*Psalm 23*

The Lord is my shepherd;

**I shall not want.**

He maketh me to lie down in green pastures;

**He leadeth me beside the still waters.**

He restoreth my soul,

**He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.**

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil;

**For thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.**

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;

**Thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.**

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;

**And I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

*Congregation is seated*

## THE FAMILY REMEMBRANCE

### OLD TESTAMENT READING

*Lamentations 3:21–26*

<sup>21</sup>But this I call to mind, and  
therefore I have hope:

<sup>22</sup>The steadfast love of the LORD  
never ceases; his mercies never  
come to an end;

<sup>23</sup>they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup>"The LORD is my portion," says my

soul,

"therefore I will hope in him."

<sup>25</sup>The LORD is good to those who  
wait for him, to the soul who seeks  
him.

<sup>26</sup>It is good that one should wait  
quietly for the salvation of the LORD.

### EPISTLE READING

*1 Corinthians 15:51–57*

<sup>51</sup>Behold! I tell you a mystery. We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,  
<sup>52</sup>in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will  
sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we shall be changed.

<sup>53</sup>For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body  
must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup>When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and  
the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory." <sup>55</sup>"O death, where is your victory? O death,  
where is your sting?" <sup>56</sup>The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

<sup>57</sup>But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

# **HOLY GOSPEL**

John 14:1-6

<sup>1</sup>"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup>In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup>And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup>And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup>Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup>Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.

## **HYMN**

576 *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*



1 My hope is built on nothing less Than  
 2 When dark - ness veils His love - ly face, I  
 3 His oath, His cov - e - nant and blood, I Sup -  
 4 When He shall come with trum - pet sound, Oh,

Je - sus' blood and righ - teous - ness; No mer - it of my  
 rest on His un - chang - ing grace; In ev - 'ry high and  
 port me in the rag - ing flood; When ev - 'ry earth - ly  
 may I then in Him be found, Clothed in His righ - teous -

own I claim But whol - ly lean on Je - sus' name.  
 storm - y gale My an - chor holds with - in the veil.  
 prop gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.  
 ness a - lone, Re - deemed to stand be - fore His throne!

*Refrain*

On Christ, the sol - id rock, I stand; All oth - er ground is  
 sink - ing sand, All oth - er ground is sink - ing sand.

*Congregation is seated*

## THE HOMILY

### THE CONFESSION OF FAITH

**P** God has made us His people through our Baptism into Christ. Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith.

**C** **I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried.  
He descended into hell.  
The third day He rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy Christian Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life ✠ everlasting. Amen.**

### PRAYER

*Each portion of the prayers ends with these words.*

**P** Lord, in your mercy...

**C** **Hear our prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

**P** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:

**C** **Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be Thy name,  
Thy kingdom come,  
Thy will be done on earth  
as it is in heaven;  
give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those  
who trespass against us;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For Thine is the kingdom  
and the power and the glory  
forever and ever. Amen.**

*Congregation is seated*

## THE COMMENDATION

## BENEDICTION

**P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.  
The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and  $\text{✠}$  give you peace.

**C** **Amen.**

**P** Let us go forth in peace,  
**C** **in the name of the Lord. Amen.**

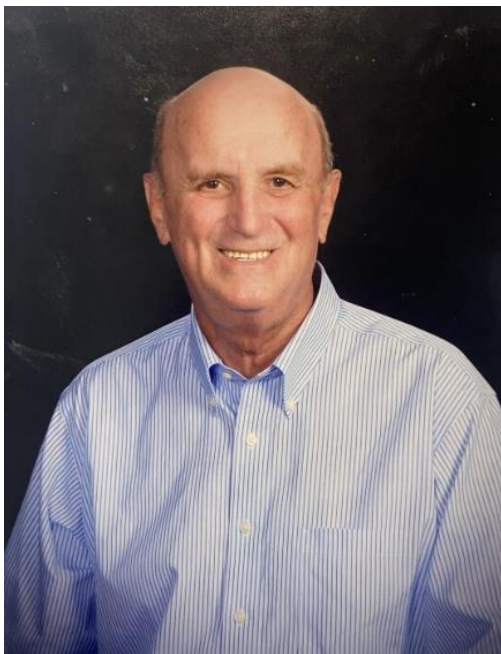
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## THE RECESSIONAL

*All are invited to a Reception immediately after the service in the Café area of the Narthex.*

## SERVING TODAY

Pastor Preston Wagner, Officiant  
Pastor Devin Murphy, Liturgist  
Rob Varner, Organist



## *Ronald William Miksa*

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Ronald William Miksa, age 83, of Franklinton passed away on December 5, 2024. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Olga Miksa, and sister, Joyce Miksa. Ronald is survived by his wife Carol of 61 years; children, Brian (Beth) Miksa, Kelly (Mark) Slaybaugh; grandchildren, Matthew (Ava) Slaybaugh, and Kristin Slaybaugh; siblings, JoAnne (Uldis) Pironis, Janet (Andy) Kaufman, Jean (Mel) Parsons, and Bill (Connie) Miksa. And a special thanks to Jeff and Holly Bruck. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial contributions may be made to Hope Lutheran Church, 3525 Rogers Road, Wake Forest, NC 27587.